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From: Susan Ervin-Tripp
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2003 3:06 PM
Subject: media consolidation

The main function of the FCC is to preserve our constitutional right to diversity of political opinion.

There are two important protections which guard diversity.

One is to keep access to the airwaves for small radio stations which have a local service.

Because radio stations can be run from a distance without a live person in control,

it is important also to keep the public service obligations for all stations, especially

now when emergency alerts could come at any time.

The even bigger obligation for you to preserve democracy is to prevent joint ownership by the same company of newspapers and *TV* stations so that they form an oligopoly in charge of information access in communities.

Cross ownership prevention is a major protection for democracy.

It is also important that companies not be allowed to own more than one network.

As a believer in competition in business, you must also believe in keeping the media open for competition of ideas. Anyone listening to the media conglomerates

knows that we have less and less real competition of ideas.

Please do not be the man who destroys democracy of information, and brings on the horrors of "1984".

Your name would then go down in history as a villain.

Susan Tripp

From: William Warren
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2003 10:16 AM
Subject: Don't kill Line Sharing

Please do not fall for the ILECS strategy of getting their local monopolies back. It has been proven over and over that monopolies are harmful to consumers and to our economy. Our economy is based on competition and eliminating that sets a dangerous precedent. Please do not fall for the ILEC's tricks and vote to keep line sharing and regulation in place as it is.

Sincerely,
William Warren

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May God **Bless** you and everything you touch.

My "foundation" verse:

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

From: William Vanderbrook
To: William Vanderbrook
Date: Fri. Feb 14, 2003 2:13 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Breaux

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Representative Jefferson

Message text follows:

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February 14, 2003

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The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

William Vanderbrook

From: William E3 Ritter
To: William B. Ritter
Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2003 4:36 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

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I also object strongly to the practice the cable television companies are forcing the consumer to accept, I am not a young kid anymore. I can remember my first TV viewing way back in 1947 on a huge 7 inch black and white screen. I was here when cable first became an issue. The MAIN SELLING point was to pay for what you wanted and NO COMMERCIALS!! Now what has happened due to the tragic co-operation between the F.C.C. and the cable industry, we as consumers, are not only blasted with unjust high costs but also we are bombarded with the most stupid and un-believable commercials in history What ever happened to "TRUTH IN ADVERTISEING"??? We are not allowed to choose only what we want and pay for that channel alone "AT A FAIR PRICE' but instead we are giving a "package deal" which offers at least 50% of unwanted channels and objective material. Out of the 79 channels I have to take, I have 42 of them omitted or deleted from my TV set. Who needs 6 sports channels all saying the same thing? Who needs as many news channels all using the same film and reporting the same stories? Who needs all these so called music (?) stations blasting away with wailing, yelling, screaming and pounding noises that is anything but

true MUSIC? Who really wants to look at performers who are so sloppy that they can't put on a decent set of clothing and shave and get haircuts or have a trip to a beauty salon to get a hair job? Why can't I pick only what I WANT and pay only for what I USE at FAIR PRICES. Why as long as I have to pay, why must I be offended by senseless commercials that offend and insult my intelligence? I also object very strongly to all the graphics and station logos that take up in some cases 1/3 of our television screen. When the President or other notable speaks, why do we have to have the bottom 1/3 of the screen with a constant graphic telling us who the person is, and except for the hearing impaired, are we really this dumb that we need to read what we already know and are hearing??? This is plain arrogance and ignorance both on the networks for doing it and for the CABLE COMPANY for forcing us to accept it and then pay for it besides. There is something horribly wrong here with the cable industry and when is the fee structure going to level off. Marcus cable is the worst people I have ever dealt with. No communication what so ever with a customer. Their answer, "You can always cancel service". Apparently people who can or could make a difference do not watch TV very much or are part of the young generation who do not understand when they are being ripped off. But us older people have to at times rely on good, wholesome TV to help pass away times when we cannot get out of the house and get about in better weather, etc. I have just recieved another raise from Marcus Cable. I will be paying \$51.00 a month, a senior discount that amounts to less than a dollar, and an attitude that if I do't like it, I can always cancel. Boy, this country really knows how to do it right! last year I got three raises in one three month period with one stating that my senior discount was too high, so they cut it in half and I got another raise on that issue.

C'mon. Lets look at this cable industry and put some new rules in place and lets start getting some sensible TV programs across our screens. I dont get PREMIUM cghannels cause I dont like todays movies, so I dont have to pay for them. Why do I have to pay for the other channels I omit because I dont watch them??? Some thing very wrong here!

Respectfully,

William B. Rittet

From: Ultimategeoff@aol.com
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Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2003 11:07 PM
Subject: keep line sharing

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